Seats in IT courses

2864. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently proposed to increase the intake of seats in IT courses and to introduce new IT courses in IITs, RECs and other engineering college in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of seats proposed to be added/created in the country especially Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether increase in intake is commensurate with the man power demands of IT Industry; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details of institutes identified for introduction of new courses with special reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) The intake in various courses including IT related courses will be sanctioned by the competent authorities in the year 2002-2003 keeping in view the requests received from various institutes and availability of infrastructure and other facilities for that particular course. Total number of IT related seats in the country as approved by the AICTE till the last academic year are 2.5 lakhs out of which more than 25,225 intake capacity is available in Andhra Pradesh. The sanctioned intake in IT related courses is capable to meet the manpower needs of the IT industries.

WB funds for Integrated Education Scheme

†2865. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has allocated any amount to Government under the Integrated Education Scheme during the current financial year; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.